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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN DISSIDENCE

1. A NEW CHAPTER SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN OPENED IN THE
ROMANIAN DISSIDENT STORY WITH THE DETENTION OF ONE
OF THE BETTER KNOWN YOUNGER (40) ROMANIAN HISTORIANS,
VLAD GEORGESCU, AND WILB TOUGHER MEASURES BEING TAKEN AGAINST
SOME OF GOMA'S ADHERENTS. GEORGESCU IS A SPECIALIST ON
THE BALKANS AND ON ROMANIAN MEDIEVEL AND EARLY MODERN
HISTORY, HELD THE IORGA CHAIR OF HISTORY AT COLUMBIA
1973 AND WAS A VISITING LECTURER AT UCLA 1967-68.
HE WAS ALSO SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS OF SOUTH EAST EUROPEUF STUDIES IN
BUCHAREST (SEPT 74). HE HAD BEEN EXPECTED BY THE
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AMERICAN ORGANIZERS OF THIS APRIL'S SYMPOSIUM ON THE
ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL AT OHIO STATE TO BE ONE OF THE
LIKELY PARTICIPANTS BUT AS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS HE
WAS NOT CONSIDERED FAVORABLY FOR TRAVEL ABROAD.

2. GEORGESCU'S POSITION SINCE 1963 HAS BEEN AS A
SENIOR RESEARCHER AT THE BUCHAREST INSTITUTE OF

SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES. THAT INSTITUTE WAS APPARENTLY CORDONED OFF ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 29 BY SECURITY PERSONNEL AND ALL STAFF REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. THE PREMISES OF THE INSTITUTE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SEARCHED AS WERE THE QUARTERS OF SOME STAFF MEMBERS WHO WERE ALSO SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE INTERROGATION, THE CONSTANT SUBJECT OF WHICH WAS GEORGESCU'S ACTIVITIES, ACQUAINTANCES AND VIEWS. IT WAS KNOWN AT THE INSTITUTE (AND BY AMERICAN ACQUAINTANCES OF GEORGESCU) THAT HE WAS STRONGLY DISSATISFIED WITH THE DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCES OR LECTURING POSSIBILITIES ABROAD AND WITH THE REJECTION OF HIS LATEST BOOK ON ROMANIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT (1369-1878).

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER GEORGESCU WAS DETAINED PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE INSTITUTE ON THE MORNING OF THE 29TH OR TAKEN FROM THE INSTITUTE. IN ANY EVENT, HIS FRIENDS HAD NOT SEEN HIM NOR HEARD FROM HIM UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON WHEN WE HEARD A RUMOR THAT HE HAS BEEN RELEASED, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM.

4. IN A PERHAPS RELATED MOVE DESIGNED TO SHOW SOMEWHAT TOUGHER LINE WITH THE DISSIDENTS, FIVE GOMA SYMPATHIZERS WERE REMOVED FROM HIS APARTMENT YESTERDAY, INTERROGATED AT LENGTH AND THEN RELEASED. GOMA WAS NOT TOUCHED. ANOTHER SIGNER OF THE GOMA LETTER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BARRED FROM VISITING GOMA AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKEN OFF BY SECURITY PERSONNEL FOR QUESTIONING BEFORE BEING RELEASED. LATER IN DAY PSYCHIATRIST VIANU WAS THREATENED BY SECURITY TYPE WITH PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IF HE CONTINUED TO SEE GOMA.

5. COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE OF MORE DETAILS, WE ARE AT SOMETHING OF A LOSS TO EXPLAIN GOR MOTIVATIONS AND APPARENT CHANGE OF TACTICS FROM LESS PROVOCATIVE MODE EARLIER EMPLOYED. WE UNDERSTAND ONE OF THOSE DETAINED LAST NIGHT MAY HAVE GOTTEN LURIOUS TO PARIS COMMITTEE ALREADY BY PHONE, SO ABOVE NEWS MAY ALREADY BE ON RFE TONIGHT.
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